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Candlelight vigil in town

A candlelight vigil for 15 year old Jaime Palm. 2

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Photos and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times

Veterans of UN Peacekeeping, Legionnaires, members of the Canadian Forces, politicians from 3 levels of government, and families of those who served, and fell - including the family of Brian Collier, and Silver Cross mother Bev McCraw, at the raising of the UN flag marking Peacekeepers' Day.

Raising the flag for Peace, in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury.

On August 3, the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury raised the United Nations flag, marking National Peacekeepers Week, Aug. 3 to 9, and National Canadian Peacekeepers' Day, August 9.

It's a ceremony that the Town has performed for the past 10 years, at the urging of veteran of U.N. Peacekeeping, Mike Comeau, past Provincial Director of the Central Ontario chapter of CAVUNP, Canadian Association of Veterans of U.N. Peacekeeping.

It was his campaign that led Bradford West Gwillimbury to become the first municipality in Ontario to recognize Peacekeepers Day, marking the date when, in 1974, a Syrian missile shot down a Buffalo transport aircraft with 9 Canadian Peacekeepers on board. All 9 were killed, including Cpl. B.K. Stringer and WO C.B. Korejwo, from CFB Borden - still the largest single loss of Canadian Peacekeeping lives.

Comeau was present at the flag-raising, this year held at "Sunshine Square" at the new BWG Leisure Centre. It was a location that he chose, adjacent to Brian Collier Way, because the flag-raising was also a tribute to Sapper Brian Collier, who lost his life July 20, 2010 while serving in Afghanistan.

As the ceremony began, the UN flag

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On Tuesday night, a candlelight vigil was held at the Portuguese Cultural Centre in Bradford, beside the soccer field where just days earlier, 15 year old Jaime Palm was killed when a heavy soccer net tipped over, trapping her underneath the metal crossbar.

Palm, a resident of Newmarket, was visiting a friend in Bradford on July 30. Both girls were on the PCCB property when the accident occurred. The friend called 911, and emergency responders rushed the victim to a Newmarket hospital, where she succumbed to her injuries.

An all-star athlete, Jaime Palm played indoor volleyball, field hockey, and soccer. Members of the soccer community, from Innisfil, Bradford West Gwillimbury and York Region were among those who attended the Taylor Funeral Home in Newmarket to pay their respects. The funeral took place August 5, at Our Lady of Grace Church in Aurora.

There were tears and hugs at the vigil in Bradford, as participants - some from the Portuguese Cultural Centre - lit candles and prayed. Flowers, teddy bears and a soccer ball were placed in a memorial.

The field has not been used by the Bradford Soccer Club since the accident. The metal-framed soccer nets have both been removed.

Proposal for John St. West

A public meeting under the Planning Act was held August 5, for the building at 62 John St. West. Built in 1950, it once housed the Bradford LCBO.

In 1977, the building was converted to 5 residential units, with one Commercial unit of about 680 sq. ft., used primarily for storage.

On August 5, current owner Nelson Barroso's application for a Zoning By-law Amendment, to rezone the property from Core Commercial (C1) to Core Commercial Exception-Holding, was the subject of the meeting.

An Exception is required because the Zoning By-law, although it permits mixed uses in a C1 Zone, specifies that residential units shall be located above the first floor.

Barroso's plans include adding a second storey to the brick structure, rebuilding the façade, and adding 4 residential units upstairs. The first floor would be renovated, but the owner wishes to retain the existing 5 units, and restore the single unit of Commercial.

Not only would the Exception permit the first-floor apartments, recognizing an existing use, an exemption is also needed for both the front setback, and parking.

The Zoning By-law specifies a setback of 3 metres at the front of the building; the existing building, like many on John St. West, is only 1.69 metres from the property line.

The By-law also requires 1.5 parking places per apartment unit, which translates into 15 spaces. The property, measuring about 966 sq. m., has room for 10 spaces. The applicant has suggested that tenants and their visitors could park on-street, or in a nearby municipal parking lot.

Neighbour John Brumell raised concerns, over the lack of parking, garbage disposal on the site, and maintenance of the building. "No maintenance has been done to this building in the 8 years I've lived here," he told the Meeting. "If it's doubled in size, there will be double the issues... based on the track record."

Councillor Carl Hordyk also objected to the use of the Town's Parking lots by area residents.

But Councillor Gary Lamb pointed out that if the Town wants to see intensification in the downtown core, it will have to deal with the narrow streets and lack of parking, that led the Town to accept Cash-in-lieu of parking spaces.

"I welcome anybody who's going to invest in the downtown," said Lamb, noting, "Those streets were laid out in 1829... They didn't think they'd have so many cars - they didn't think they'd have *any* cars!"

Councillor Peter Dykie Jr. wanted to know if there was water and sewer allocation for the 4 additional apartment units.

Senior Planner Tami Kitay explained that the owner would have to apply to Council for allocation, under the Town's Allocation Policy, for infilling and intensification. She also noted that issues like parking, garbage collection and snow removal will be dealt with through a Site Plan Agreement, which should be completed within the next couple of weeks.

Kitay also said that, under the Provincial rules, at least one of the apartments will be "barrier-free."

"It's clearly a location where redevelopment is desirable," said Mayor Doug White, pointing out that the renovations will also bring the building up to both Building and Fire code, making it safer for residents.

The application was received by Council and referred to staff for a report and recommendation. The proposal has already received a Downtown Community Improvement Plan Area grant, of approximately $63,000.

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New group pleads for Heritage preservation

It was standing room only in the Bradford West Gwillimbury Council meeting, on August 5 - but not for the Development Charges update, or the Planning Meeting for 62 John St. West.

Residents packed the room to show support for a deputation by David Crocker, representing Bradford SOHO - Save Our Heritage Organization.

The organization was recently formed in response to developers' plans to demolish the century home at 108 Moore St., and their opposition to listing the building on the Town's Heritage Registry.

Crocker reminded Council that the Town has already lost many of its most important heritage buildings, including the "Bradford Castle" on Barrie St., better known as the Old Convent. Built by Reeve John MacLean Stevenson in 1876, it was later owned by sawmill owner Sam Lukes, Egerton Ryerson of Ryerson Press fame, eventually the Ursuline Sisters who operated Bradford's first Catholic school.

"Unfortunately for us all... the Town allowed that magnificent piece of Bradford history to be destroyed," Crocker said, noting that 108 Moore St. was built at the same time - and has "real historical value,"contradicting the claims of the developers.

"We need to protect our historic neighbourhood," he told Council, which has many century-old homes on large lots, surrounded by "stately" trees. The demolition of 108 Moore St. would be "a singular stab at the heart of Bradford," he said.

SOHO is opposed to the demolition of historic homes in the core of old Bradford, and their replacement by Townhomes or row houses. Not only does it create traffic and parking problems, it "promotes a degradation of the neighbourhood." Crocker said that he understands the provincial goal of intensification, "but the heart of Bradford is not the place for it... Protecting our heritage must be at the forefront."

Crocker asked Councillors to "do your due diligence... to protect this wonderful and historic part of Town" - and presented a 500 name petition, calling for preservation. He was applauded.

Director of Development Geoff McKnight advised that the Town has retained an architectural firm to assess the property at 108 Moore, and make recommendations. Work should begin within the next few weeks; the report on the home's heritage value is expected to take another month.

The deputation was followed by Open Forum - an opportunity for residents to stand up and make their views known. Ten speakers signed up, all of them calling for the preservation of the historic core of Bradford, and changes to the policies governing redevelopment.

Anne Silvey, who moved to Bradford in 1974, said, "Bradford was our choice because of its character and history... Why destroy the original character of an important Town in Canada's history?"

Don Milos, owner of a century home on Frederick St., pointed out that there are 61 century homes within a 6 block radius. "Bradford needs to recognize and protect its historic core," he said, calling for a "one down, one up" policy that would require developers to respect the lot sizes and single-family residential zoning of the area.

Sarah Allen, also a SOHO member, spoke of the "priceless attributes" of large lots, majestic trees and century homes in old Bradford. "A core historic area is the core and very essence of the small town feel that everyone is looking for," she said, arguing against transforming the area "into a mish-mash of affordable housing... and large lots," with monstrous townhomes wedged between historic buildings.

Lisa Hawkins, a 20 year resident, expressed a fear that developers will throw 6 or more townhouses beside her Barrie St. home. Redevelopment is taking place "without any rhyme or reason as to what goes up and what goes down," she said, calling on Council to take control, and "redirect redevelopment... Step up and protect our Town."

"Take a European approach," urged Joe Van Dyke. "We go to Europe to see the old buildings. They have kept the façades."

And life-long resident Nancy Young, read from a letter sent by her brother Jim Culbert, now living in Prince Edward Island: "When I come back to Bradford for a visit, I go home to PEI with an emptiness in my soul. I know that the next time I come "home", there will be more farms gone, to house new construction - more grand old farm houses gone, gone with the wind."

There is a place for higher densities, Young said, "but not at the expense of our historic homes... I love the old and the new, but we don't have to throw away our past."

Holland St. repairs

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury has delayed the Holland St. Reconstruction project for at least two years - until the Southeast Arterial Road is built, and can offer an alternative route for motorists. In the meantime, to address crumbling infrastructure in the downtown, BWG Council has approved the repaving of a portion of Holland St., at a cost of $215,000.

Local company Lisbon Paving was awarded the tender. The total bid, of $741,432 for hot mix and paving, includes not only Holland St., but 5 Sideroad between the 3rd and 5th Lines; Morris Road; and Canal Road from Hwy. 9 to the 5th Line.

Councillor James Leduc asked if the sidewalks in downtown Bradford would be repaired at the same time.

Director of Engineering Arup Mukherjee said that sidewalk repairs will be a separate contract, and will be completed this year, after the paving of the road. "The concrete work can be done a little later in the season," he said.

Funding sources include the year-end surplus, County of Simcoe, and the Holland Marsh Drainage System Joint Municipal Services Board.

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Raising the Rainbow flag in Bradford on July 31 to mark Pride Week - from left, Jamie, MPP Julia Munro, Simcoe Pride representatives Brandon Amyot and Alexander Roe, Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Doug White, and Jaclyn.

Times have changed in Simcoe County.

Three years ago, says Brandon Amyot, only one municipality within the greater Simcoe region agreed to fly the Rainbow Flag, proclaiming Pride Week - and that was the city of Barrie.

This year, Simcoe Pride saw 13 municipalities, including Barrie and the County of Simcoe, raise the flag and proclaim Pride Week, August 1-9.

The Rainbow Flag was raised at the Bradford Courthouse on July 31, in front of a small crowd of people, that included Mayor Doug White, MPP for York-Simcoe Julia Munro, and Reverend Dan Graves.

White noted that in the recent Provincial election, voters elected Kathleen Wynne, the first openly-gay premier of Ontario. People may attack the premier on her policies, he said; they did not attack her as a person.

The Mayor said the flag represented the increasing diversity within the municipality, where everyone is welcomed. "We're sticking with our vision statement, that the Town Council adopted 8 years ago... We're all in this together, no matter what country you come from, what your religion is, your sexual orientation - you are welcome."

He added, "I think we need a whole lot more tolerance, a whole lot more respect... and a whole lot more love. Everybody needs to feel comfortable in the place that they live, and everybody needs to feel comfortable in their own skin."

Amyot, former Student Trustee and a member of Simcoe Pride, told those gathered at the Courthouse, "The Pride flag isn't just Gay Pride. It's pride in the diversity of our community.

"This flag is meant to represent our whole community and every aspect of our lives... the diversity and inclusiveness of our community."

Probus Club II meets

PROBUS is a social club for retired and semi-retired PROfessional and BUSiness people. A second Probus Club has formed in Bradford, and meets from 10 a.m. to noon at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 2940 - 10 Sideroad in Bradford. The next meeting will take place on Wednesday, August 20, when guest speaker Sally Shearman will discuss "Sustainable Small-scale Agriculture." Coffee, tea and treats will be available - new members are always welcomed.

For more information on the Probus Club, contact Jill Sanderson, 705-290-0099 or Joanne MacLeod, 905-551-0942.

Photo by Miriam King, Bradford Times

Sunflowers in a field at the 20th Sideroad and 6th Line of Innisfil follow the early morning sun, on August 2 - and provide a feast of pollen for a bee.

letters to the editor

Keep Bradford's Heritage

To the editor: I am so glad to see the response that the BWG Heritage Committee is getting.

This group is working hard and long to preserve our heritage. Thank you to all involved.

We need to stand up and fight for what we feel is right, or we will have nothing left of our heritage. I was born in West Gwillimbury, and have lived here for the better part of my life. We raised our family here and supported the community. I have watched the Town grow - not without some thought as to what direction this town is taking. It breaks my heart to see some of the best farmland in Ontario becoming a concrete jungle.

We have lost the small town feeling and we are just becoming another GTA community where people come to live, but don't necessarily get involved in the community. I understand that progress is going to happen, but at what expense? Big Box Stores, row after row of single dwelling houses, a lack of Seniors' housing, a main street that is like driving on a roller coaster, a downtown that needs help!

Part of the problem I think is that people come into a community, and they don't really care what came before... because it means nothing to them. Some of our councillors have lived here all their lives, and some have come in later and do not have the feeling for the town that many of us have. All they think about is NOW.

We have spent thousands of dollars travelling the world, and what do we admire? The old buildings! In Europe, they are revered and saved. In South America, we saw first-hand a square, where the interiors of the buildings were gone and renovated, but the façades were still intact. In Russia, a whole town had been restored to its original look, and what a beautiful piece of history that was.

We Canadians could take a lesson from these other countries.

Then we come home, and see a total disregard for our own community. I love Bradford, and I love the people here. I want to retire here. I want to enjoy the old and the new in whatever future I have left.

Hopefully our Council and Mayor will see the benefit of both the old and the new, and will work with the Heritage Committee so that we can have the better part of both worlds.

Nancy Culbert-Young, BWG

Successful Cemetery Tour

To the editor: The BWG Local History Association would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone who contributed to the success of our first Bradford West Gwillimbury Cemetery Tour. Switzer-Carty Transportation provided a bus and a friendly, professional driver. Bond Head United Church allowed us to enjoy our refreshments in their hall. The BWG Leisure Services & Facilities department has kept the cemeteries in pristine condition.

The Bradford Times and Topic provided excellent coverage for our event.

Bradford Print Shoppe supplied the information sheets.

Thank you to everyone who provided the treats we enjoyed after the very enlightening and informative tour.

Special thanks to Jean Keffer, Franz Aschwanden and Bill Marks for organizing a day that inspired us to learn more of the people who were once an integral part of our community.

We have been asked to organize another tour next year, and the answer is a resounding "Yes!"

Bradford West Gwillimbury Local History Association

At the Danube Seniors Centre

Many programs at the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre take a break during the summer months, but are now gearing up for the fall - and volunteers will be needed, to help the Centre run smoothly!

The Danube Centre is located at 715 Simcoe Rd., south of Bradford. For information on programs and events, call 905-775-0612. The annual membership fee is only $10 for Bradford West Gwillimbury residents, $15 for those outside the community, plus a fee of $1 per activity, for most activities.

And the Centre has the cheapest coffee around - only 25 cents a cup!

The theme of the Birthday Lunch on Thursday, July 17 was"Salad Days" - offering a great summer feast of cold roast beef and roast pork, chicken salad, devilled eggs, salmon mousse, and salads, including Green, Potato, Jellied!

The next **Birthday Lunch** will be an Indoor BBQ. Escape the heat in air-conditioned comfort on Thursday, August 21 at 11:30 a.m., at the Centre. Lunch is $8 for Members, $9 for non-members, for hamburgers, sausage on a bun, potato and macaroni salads, tea, coffee and dessert, and more!

All are welcome. No reservations required.

Volunteers serve up cold meats and salads at the July 17 Birthday Lunch at the Danube Seniors Leisure Centre in Bradford. The next lunch is a BBQ!

Alzheimer Society Coffee Break

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The campaign officially kicks off in September, and runs until the end of October. Participants can register, and receive a free Coffee Break® Kit from the Alzheimer Society.

To register in Simcoe County, or for more information, contact Lisa Richardson, 705-722-1066 ext. 229 or email ***fundev@alzheimersociety.ca***

Western Day at Lakeside Retirement

Lakeside Retirement home, located at 985 Innisfil Beach Road in Alcona, Innisfil, is holding its **Family Western Day** this Friday, August 8, from 2:30 to 4 p.m.

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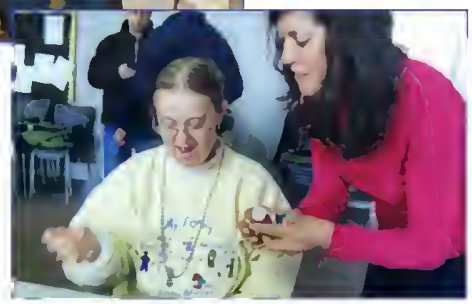
Opportunities in Art, at Christian Horizons

At left,Christian Horizons artists, and the painting they worked on together. The work will be auctioned off at CarrotFest.

Below, artist Fatima Pereira helps Joanne Sikman workon an individual painting for the Barrie Fair Art Show.

Submitted photos.



The Christian Horizon's Community Options Program is designed to provide a wide range of opportunities and experiences for a group of Special Needs residents. In Bradford, those opportunities now include fine art, thanks to local artist Fatima Pereira, who has been volunteering her time to teach painting to the participants.

Under her guidance, Andrew Mitchell, Danny Murray, Heather Hodder, Joanne Sikma, Jim McMillan and Derick Yuile worked together on a large landscape, that will be auctioned off at CarrotFest on August 16 - with the funds going to the artists themselves.

The new artists have also been hard at work, creating individual works, that will be entered in the Barrie Fair's art show.

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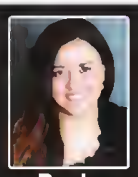

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For further information or to request a deputation, please contact the Clerk's Division.

Regular Meetings of Council & Committee of the Whole – Council Chambers, 425 Holland St. W.

- Tues. Aug. 19 @ 7:00 p.m. @ BWG Library & Cultural Centre, Zima Room

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Active Transportation Committee
Mon. Aug. 21 @ 4:00 p.m., Boardroom, BWG Library & Cultural Centre, 425 Holland St. W.

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NOTICE

Home Smoke Alarm Program

The Bradford West Gwillimbury Fire Department is continuing the home smoke alarm program by going door to door to the homes in the Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury to ensure that they are equipped with operable smoke alarms on each level of the house and outside all sleeping areas.

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- Replace smoke alarms every 10 years.
- Test smoke alarms once a month and replace the batteries every year.

It is important to ensure that everyone in the household knows what to do if the smoke alarm sounds. As such, develop a home fire escape plan and practice it with the entire household.

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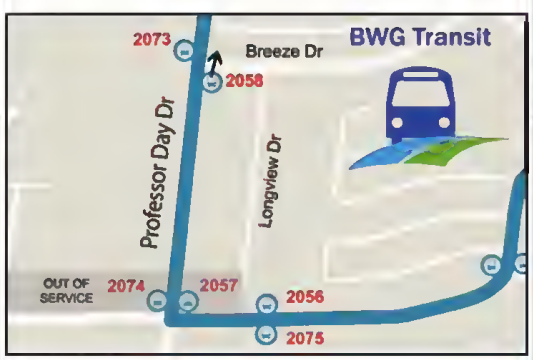

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Line 8, from Sideroad 10 to Professor Day Drive,
Reagens Industrial Parkway, from Line 8 to Sideroad 10.

ROAD CLOSURE FOR THE 16TH ANNUAL BWG CARROT FEST AUGUST 16, 2014

TAKE NOTICE that the temporary road closure for Saturday, August 16, 2014 from 6:00am until Sunday, August 17, 2014 at 3:00am will take place at the following locations:

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Simcoe Road, Holland Street to Centre Street.

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BWG Votes

October 27, 2014

Check this section each week for updates on the upcoming Town election!

Candidates and Potential Candidates Information Session

WHEN: Wednesday, August 13, 2014, 7:00 pm

WHERE: Zima Room, BWG Library and Cultural Centre

WHO: Anyone interested in running for council, candidates who have filed their nomination papers, interested citizens

WHY:
- To learn about the election process
- To learn about the rules governing campaigning
- To gain insight into serving on Council – such as the dynamics of public life, and balancing relationships with other members, public, media and staff

NO pre-registration required to attend.

FOR MORE INFORMATION: call Tara Reynolds, Deputy Clerk at 905-775-5366 ext. 1104.

Employment Opportunities

The Town of Bradford West Gwillimbury is recruiting Election Officials to assist with the Municipal Election to be held **Monday, October 27, 2014**.

Applicants requirements include:
- At least 18 years of age;
- Legally entitled to work in Canada;
- Computer proficient (for most positions);
- Able to attend mandatory training session;
- Previous election experience an asset;
- Cannot be a candidate, a spouse/relative of a candidate or have a close personal or business relationship with a candidate.

More information as well as application forms are available on the Town's website at **townofbwg.com/election** or by calling Tara Reynolds, Deputy Clerk at 905-775-5366 ext. 1104.

For more information go to: TownofBWG.com/election and look for the elections section in the Leisure Guide arriving with the August 7 Bradford Times

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The **Alliston Potato Festival** takes place August 8-10, starting Friday night with the annual Potato Festival Parade, 7 p.m. sharp. Saturday, Alliston's main street will be closed to traffic for street entertainment, buskers and booths -with more events at the Fairgrounds, including a Midway and Beer Garden. *Saturday's* events at the Fairgrounds include a Wild West Show, at 2 and 5 p.m., Bingo from 1 a.m. to 6 p.m., Creature Quest at 3 p.m. *Sunday* includes a Baby Show at 9:30 a.m., Elephant Thoughts from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Magic Duda at 10:30 a.m., Dog Agility at 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., Bingo from 12 to 5 p.m., Scottish Dancers at 2 p.m., and Lawn Tractor Races at 2 p.m. Admission to the fairgrounds is $5 per day ($10 for a weekend pass), $3 for Seniors, free for kids Under 11.

The South Simcoe Palette Club is holding their annual Show and Sale, **Experiences in Colour,** at the Gibson Centre in Alliston, 63 Tupper St. West. Meet the Artists this Saturday, August 9 from noon to 3 p.m. at the Centre - as part of the Alliston Potato Fest. Continues to September 2; gallery is open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tues. through Sat.

Ranji Singh Foundation announces the return of the **Caribbean & South Asian Showcase**, featuring the rich cultures of the Caribbean and South Asian communities. The Showcase begins with 2 days of exhibition softball cricket, August 9 and 10 at Sharon Hills Park on Colonel Wayling Blvd., Queensville, East Gwillimbury, from 1 to 5

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Be prepared. Purchase food, bowls, leasbes, beds and other supplies before the big day and start interviewing vets, groomers and trainers. Early socialization is vital to ensure a dog is well adjusted and gets along well witb both people and otber dogs. Consider pet insurance and remember to get your new family member vet checked within the first few days to ensure they are bealthy.

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Chuggin', puffin', poppin' at the Steam Show

The Georgian Bay Steam Show & Family Farm Demonstration is known for its sights, smells, and sounds - the chuffing, chugging, whirring, whining, popping and clanking of tractors, steam engines, horse-drawn "people-movers", and to-scale models.

There are antique tractors of every make and model - this year's featured make was "Oliver" - and a Members-Only Tractor Pull, that pitted a 1938 Co-op 3 against a 1955 Allis Chalmers, driven by the owners.

The Georgian Bay Steam Show offered an opportunity to view classic cars, horse-drawn plows, antiques in a vendors' market, working models of everything from water pumps to wood-splitters, a portable sawmill operated by a belt-drive, and equipment that once revolutionized agriculture - in particular, the steam engines, with their massive boilers, piercing whistles, and glowing fireboxes.

Many were manufactured right in Ontario - a Waterloo Engine was built in Waterloo, Ontario in 1920; a 1901 horse-drawn Sawyer & Massey was manufactured in Hamilton.

MPP for York-Simcoe Julia Munro spoke of the importance of the technology preserved and displayed at the Show. "It demonstrates to all the ingenuity, the technological expertise and the craftsmanship... that was part of the agricultural world," she said - recognizing the link between agriculture and technology, "and showcasing it for the future generations."

Munro helped open the 49th Annual Georgian Bay Steam Show in Cookstown, Innisfil, on August 2 - joined by MP Peter Van Loan, and members of Innisfil Council.

"I've been coming now for about a decade," said Van Loan, Conservative House Leader. "Every year, it's a little bit bigger, and a little bit better... Congratulations to all the volunteers who make this a successful show, celebrating our heritage, our agriculture."

Georgian Bay Steam Show Club president Douglas Black also welcomed the crowds - and invited "anyone interested in machinery, finding out how it works, repairing things" to come out to the Wednesday workshops at the Steam Show Grounds, "and lend a hand."

Black spoke of the need to engage young people in the Club, but there were plenty of young second and third-generation members at the Show, driving to-scale models, garden tractors, competing in the "Mud Bog," and volunteering.

It wasn't all technology and equipment. There was live entertainment on the main stage, and a craft tent, displaying traditional pioneer skills, that included spinning and weaving.

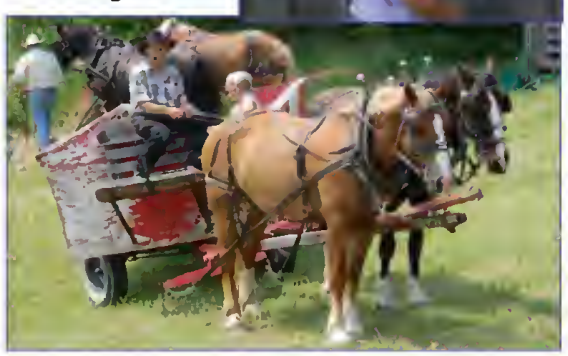
There was also an opportunity to help paint a new mural, celebrating the Georgian Bay Steam Show - an initiative of Cookstown's Around the Corners Art Group.

The 4' by 24' mural was designed and laid out by local artist Maggie Grace, and divided into a total of 96 squares. Visitors to the Show could pick up a paint brush and fill in a square, for a donation.

"We were just trying to find a way to get arts into the community. We thought we'd do something Steam Show-centre," explained Grace, comparing the mural to a "patchwork quilt," with each participant contributing a square.

"It was a way to get the local arts group a little more known in the community, and introduce arts to the community."

The mural, expected to be completed by the end of the weekend, will be on display at the Steam Show grounds, to promote next year's 50th annual Georgian Bay Steam Show.



Clockwise from above, Orange Crush Pro Stock Diesel truck; 1920 Sawyer-Massey steam engine; painting the mural; horse-drawn wagon ride.

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At the Bradford Farmers' Market: plenty of dough

Every week more fresh produce is available at the Bradford Farmers' Market, held every Saturday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the parking lot beside the Bradford Public Library, 425 Holland St. West.

As the summer progresses, the range of fresh produce available is increasing. Look for bulb onions, leeks, green onions, chard, red and gold beets, carrots, cauliflower, broccoli, Kale, new potatoes and more - including honey, artisanal flour, fresh eggs and dairy, crafts, European Meats, and prepared foods.

Sapori di Calabria's booth at the Bradford Farmers' Market has been receiving compliments - not only for its sauces and ready-made pastas, but for its magnificent breads.

Booth operator Marianna Galloro shares her secret: "These are from Portugalia Bakery, in Bradford - because they have the best bread."

She says that her father looked at 12 different bakeries, when he opened his catering business in Newmarket; none were as good as Portugalia, owned by Gina Santos.

Galloro waves at the magnificent display of bread at the booth. "These are all Calabrese bread that she's made. Without her bread, our sandwiches wouldn't taste as good... I've had nothing but compliments, from as far away as Toronto."

It is, she says, a perfect coming together of "Italy and Portugal!"

At the Bradford Farmers' Market, 425 Holland St. West every Saturday morning, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the Library parking lot.

Marianna Galloro with Calabrese-style loaves from Portugalia Bakery, on Holland St. East.

Volunteer Day at Scanlon

The Friends of Scanlon Creek invite anyone who can swing a hammer or dig a hole to come out for the 2014 Volunteer Day, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Saturday, August 23.

Volunteers are wanted to help maintain and improve the facilities at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area, located just off the 9th Line of Bradford West Gwillimbury. Projects will include work on a butterfly garden, clean-up of the arboretum, construction of an accessible trail, and the preparation of trail markings for the inaugural Run for the Trails event this September.

Meet at the Nature Centre at 9 a.m., to volunteer, help out, and enjoy refreshments, laughter and a lot of thanks. To register for Volunteer Day contact Brian Kemp at ***b.kemp@LSRCA.on.ca*** or call 905-895-1281 ext. 289.

Madi's fundraiser at the Market

Madi Vanstone received tremendous support from her community, to help cover the cost of the medication she needed for her Cystic Fibrosis. Even with a deal from the pharmaceutical company, and private insurance, it still left the family paying more than $60,000 per year for Kalydeco, a new drug that is tremendously effective for the 3 to 4% of CF sufferers who have a specific gene mutation.

The community helped to raise tens of thousands of dollars to cover the cost - but now that battle has been won. OHIP relented, and through negotiations with the manufacturer, will pay for Kalydeco, for Madi and others with her type of CF.

Now Madi wants to help others. Erin Cobean is a 20 year old Cystic Fibrosis patient who had a life-saving double-lung transplant three weeks ago.

The financial impact on the family has been tremendous. Erin's mother rented accommodation in Toronto and took a leave of absence from her job, to be near her daughter as she recovers in hospital, and is struggling financially.

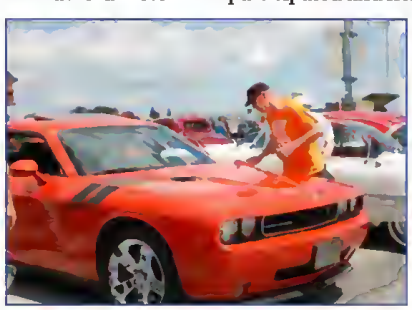
Madi and her friend Lillian have been making bracelets and baskets, and will be selling them at the Bradford Farmers' Market this Saturday, August 9, to raise money; 100% of the proceeds will go to Erin and her family.

Hwy. 11 Cruisers shine at the Show

The Highway 11 Cruisers Car Club draws its membership from the Highway 11 (Yonge St.) corridor, from Newmarket up to Barrie.

On July 27, the club held its annual fundraising Car Show and BBQ at the Husky Station in Bradford West Gwillimbury, at 88 and 400 Highway. Over 300 cars and trucks, and 100 motorcycles attended, filling much of the Husky's parking lot with chrome and polish, in a day of fun, prizes, and fundraising for Canadian Tire's Jumpstart program. Jumpstart ensures kids can play sports, regardless of their family's financial situation, by covering the costs of registration, transportation and equipment - and supporting sports programs in communities across Canada.

"We really appreciate all the hard work the volunteers put in to make the day run smoothly, and we also want to thank Wayne, Gagan and the crew at the Husky travel centre for their continued support," said club president, Danny Fachini. "A big thank-you to everyone who participated and helped us raise $821."



Adriano Volpintesta won People's Choice for the second year in a row, with his Dragula Rat Rod - taking the Husky Cup. **Photo: Mike Machnik of Newmarket with his "toy" - a Dodge Challenger RT.**

Coming up: The **3rd Annual New Roads Big Brothers Big Sisters Classic Car Show** will be taking place Sunday, August 24 at New Roads Chev Cadillac Buick GMC in Newmarket, 18100 Yonge St. Prizes, BBQ, music, and more, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Free admission for the public; register a car for $15. A fundraiser for Big Brothers Big Sisters of York.

Collection times are changing

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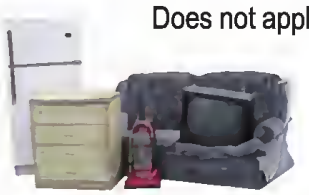

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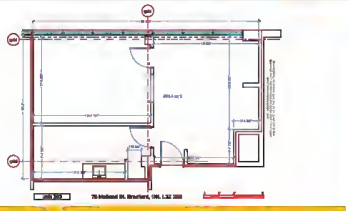

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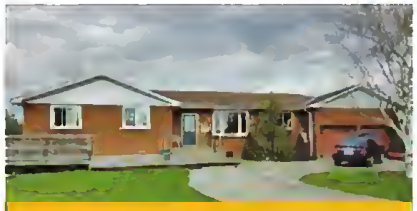

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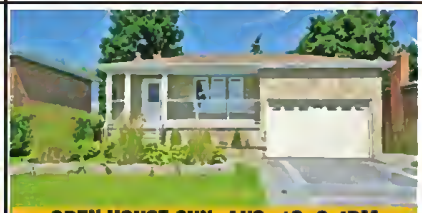

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Focus on Community

Bradford Lions continue to serve...

2014-2015 Executive, from left - Deb Hrynyk - Past President and new Chair of Membership, Vina Pepin - Tail Twister, John Bateman -Treasurer, Roddie Saunders - Lion Tamer, VP Jennifer Pegg, President Jamie Jones, VP Bob Pegg, Directors Liz Pegg, Bill Bargent, Secretary Denise Wiscombe, Directors Reg Hipwell, Jim Corneau, Gary Hrynyk and Chuck Skitch, at the June 16 meeting.

Bradford Lions president Deb Hrynyk stepped down on June 16, at the Lions Workshop in Joe Magani Park, welcoming the new Executive.

She urged them to respect and carry on the Lions' traditions. "We as Lions should be proud of what we do in our community. Show off our colours, show our 'pride.' Show our community that we serve. Embrace these traditions and keep them - don't let them slip away."

Hrynyk concluded, "It has been a great experience, and a pleasure to serve."

One of those traditions is the annual **Mammoth Draw** - a major fundraiser for the Bradford Club, supporting a long list of charities that includes Southlake Regional Health Centre and the Stronach Regional Cancer Care Centre, minor sports, school bursaries and scholarships, and the Bradford Lions Aquatics Centre at the BWG Leisure Centre.

Last year, the Bradford Lions made a momentous decision. Instead of offering a Cadillac as the top prize in the draw, they decided to offer 2 vehicles - a brand-new Chevrolet Cruze, and a GMC Silverado pick-up truck as the Grand Prize.

They were a little nervous about changing a formula that had worked for 59 years - but the 1700 tickets sold out in record time.

This year, they're doing it again - with over $106,000 in prizes, including a white Chev Cruze, and a black Silverado. Tickets are still $100 each, which includes 3 early bird prizes of $1000 - the 2nd winner to be pulled from the drum at CarrotFest, August 16, at 5 p.m. - and an evening of entertainment at the Bradford Community Centre on Sept. 6, when each ticket admits 2 to the Beef Buffet, Charity Casino, entertainment, and elimination-style draw.

Tickets are available from any Lion, or call 905-775-9170 - and at selected retailers. Tickets can also be purchased at car display, at Canadian Tire, and at CarrotFest.

Bond Head Lions' i-lottery!

The Bond Head & District Lions are now selling "i-lottery" tickets, hoping to raise money for 10 deserving charities - and give away 10 great prizes, thanks to some outstanding community sponsors.

The i-lottery will support Canine Vision Canada's Dog Guide Program, CNIB Camp Joseph, Lions Camp Dorset for Dialysis patients, Camp Huronda for Juvenile Diabetes, Camp Kirk for kids with cancer, Matthews House Hospice, The Salvation Army, Southlake Regional Health Centre, Stevenson Memorial Hospital in Alliston, and the Alzheimer Society.

Each group will receive 10% of the money raised from selling the 3,000 tickets, for $5 apiece. Draw date is September 2, 7 p.m. at the Bond Head Community Hall - at the Lions' first meeting after the summer break.

First prize is a $5000 travel voucher from Hamilton Tours; 2nd prize a $1000 Apple Stores gift card; 3rd - a $600 Day Tripper photo excursion trip and $250 camera; 4th - $500 in Stihl products from Bradford Rental Sales & Service; 5th - $300 in camping gear from Canadian Tire Store in Bradford, and 6th, a $200 Walmart Gift Card. The remaining four prizes are $100 gift cards, from Home Hardware, Giant Tiger, VideoQuest and Tim Hortons.

i-lottery tickets are available at Hamilton Tours, VideoQuest, Bradford Rental, Bradford Home Hardware, or from any Bond Head Lion. The Lions will be at the Alliston Potato Festival.

CarrotFest is coming!

Carrotfest, voted the #1 street festival in Ontario, returns this August, with over 300 vendors, Ontario Dock Dogs Competition at the Bradford Community Centre, buskers and live entertainment on stage, Gable Bros. Midway, Pro Wrestling, great food and much more.

What's on?

Gable Brothers Midway and pony rides will be at the Bradford Community Centre, Aug. 15-17 - 11 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Friday, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday. There is a charge for tickets.

Sadly missed... Dave Pooley, who brought his Dooley KidShow Carrot Sticks to CarrotFest every year, entertaining and engaging kids with his music and interactive show, passed away this spring.

The **5K Charity CarrotFast Run** takes place 8:30 a.m. on Saturday, August 16, at the Bob Fallis Sports Centre, on 10 Sideroad. Pre-register at ***www.runningroom.com*** or ***www.carrotfast.com*** by midnight on August 14; registration forms are also available at Delfs Total Body Fitness in Bradford, the BWG Leisure Centre, and other local gyms. Registration fee for the timed Run is $25 before Aug 15, $30 afterwards. Kids under 10 pay only $15. Run begins at 9 a.m.

Vendors will be in place on the main street by 9 a.m. on Aug. 16 - and the Enbridge Grill team will be serving up a pancake breakfast, as a fundraiser for BWG Minor Hockey.

Also at 9 a.m. on Saturday - pre-register for the annual **Bicycle Poker Run,** a free cycling poker run for ages 5 and up, sponsored by NT Temps, that offers a first prize of new Mountain Bike. The ride itself starts at 9:30 a.m.

Over at the Bradford Community Centre, **Ontario Dock Dogs** competition gets underway, using a 40' pool. See one of North America's fastest-growing dog sports.

There will be day-long entertainment on the Main Stage, and at the Century 21 Busker Pitch on Holland St. West, and Summerlyn Dental Care Busker Pitch, at Nelson and Holland St. E. Among the entertainers - Elite Dance Corps, Brant Matthews The Fire Guy, Billions Cobra, The Rubberband Boy, The Chaplin Guy, Bobbi Switzer chainsaw wood carver, The Oparty Show, Vanessa Neil - Sword Swallower, Magic That Rocks, Drums in U, Davan Cavan Fraser, Jack Flash, The Privy People and more. See ***www.carrotfest.ca*** for a full schedule.

At 11 a.m., the **Beer Garden** at The Village Inn opens.

Pro Wrestling returns to the Bradford Community Centre - with a free preview at 11:30 a.m., and the **8th annual Quest for the Cup** at 6:30 p.m., featuring former WWE Superstars! For the evening show, tickets are $20 for ringside (rows 1 and 2), $10 for rows 3 and 4, $5 general admission, first come first served.

Also at 11:30 a.m. the **Judy Foodie Kitchen Cooking Show** begins at the Courthouse parkette.

At 12, the **24 Carrot Holdem Poker Tourney** begins at the Village Inn.

The **Bradford Lions' 2nd Early Bird Draw** for $1000 will take place on the main stage at 5 p.m.

6 p.m., **Bon Jovi Forever** Tribute band takes to the main stage - and The Village Inn offers free chicken wings in the Beer Garden, and inside, until 6:30 p.m.

6:30 p.m. - the **Jagger Sports Co. BMX Show** comes to Barrie St.

8 p.m. - **The Flaming Carrot Show** takes place at the four corners, featuring fabulous buskers who play with fire.

8:30 p.m. **The Connie Scriver Band** headlines at the Beer Garden, sponsored by the Village Inn.

The festival continues on Sunday, August 17, with the Midway and Dock Dogs Competition at the Bradford Community Centre from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. - and the **Bradford Community Church's Annual Family Fun Fest** at Bradford Lions Park, 226 Colborne St. from 12 to 4 p.m. - free! The Family Fun Fest includes carnival games, inflatable bouncers and a free BBQ. This year the event is co-sponsored by Bradford Baptist Church. (Note: There will be an outdoor Church Service with music, starting at 10 a.m. for those who wish to attend.)

Summer festivals

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p.m. daily. Bring a picnic lunch and a chair to watch Redco vs. Seatown on Aug. 9; and York Regional Police vs. Showcase All Stars, Aug. 10. In September, the Showcase returns to Newmarket Riverwalk Commons, 200 Doug Duncan Dr., with music, art, food, fashion, cricket and workshops - from steel drums to Bollywood dancing. Saturday, Sept. 6 from 3 to 7 p.m., and Sunday, Sept. 7 from 12 to 6 p.m. Admission is free but please bring a donation of non-perishable food for the Newmarket Food Pantry. For details, see ***www.ranjisinghfoundation.org/events***

Garlic is Great Festival at the Newmarket Farmers' Market, Riverwalk Commons at 200 Doug Duncan Drive, free. August 16 from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Garlic vendors, great food, cooking demonstrations, live music and more - free!

The **161st Barrie Fair** returns to the Essa Agriplex August 21 to 24. Midway, petting zoo, strolling performers, the Craz-E-Crew stunt team and more. The Fair opens at noon on Aug. 21, with Opening Ceremonies at 6 p.m. and a local Tractor Pull at 7 p.m. Aug. 22 includes a COTPA truck pull at 7:30 p.m., and performance by tribute band Hotel California at 7:30 p.m. On Aug. 23,, Marshall Dane concert at 7:30 p.m. And on Aug. 24, enjoy a pancake breakfast at 9 a.m., Demolition Derby at 2:30 p.m.

Focus on Business

Celebrating at The Smokin' Piggy!

Laurie Stellato has always loved to cook.

She has cooked for church fundraising dinners, offered gourmet cooking classes, and shared her passion.

One year ago she launched a new venture: The Smokin' Piggy, a food truck that brings real southern BBQ to the Bradford area.

"I saw the popularity of the Food Truck raging through the States. I thought it was only a matter of time before it came to Canada," she explains. "I decided to bring Louisiana BBQ to our community." She came up with the name and colour scheme - black and hot pink - and husband Joe designed the logo.

She opened last year, locating at 20130 Yonge St. south of Bradford, beside Dilmar Roofing, offering a simple menu of smoked pulled pork on a bun, smoked pork poutine, a Big Smokie - Debreziner sausage wrapped in bacon and smoked; ribs, corn fritters, country slaw, and her signature dish, a Porkie.

"It's pork 3 ways," says Stellato - 2 pieces of peameal bacon, 2 slices of bickory-smoked bacon, an egg sunny-side up, cheddar cheese, topped with a scoop of pulled pork, combining "the sweet from our pork, the creamy from the egg, the salty from the bacon."

Her customers have been eating it up.

The Smokin' Piggy is open from noon to 8 p.m., Wednesday through to Sunday - but Stellato also offers catering, and with her 5 and a half foot-long "hog burner" smoker, she says, "we are capable of smoking a hole hog. It can hold a 250 lb. hog."

Stellato takes her BBQ and her smoker on the road to special events, which last weekend included the Georgian Bay Steam Show in Cookstown. She will also be at the International Plowing Match in Ivy this September, cooking up a storm, and reminding diners, "Everything's better with bacon."

For more information, or to call in an order, call 905-868-0300.

On July 5, Stellato and her staff celebrated the venture's 1st anniversary - a thank you to the customers who "enjoy a good smoke" at The Smokin' Piggy.

Photos by Paul Novosad, Freelance

At left, Allie McCabe of Creative Dreams Custom Cakes, Laurie Stellato, and Steve Sutton, holding "Piggy Cake." Below, Abigail, Madison and Sophia, at the 1st Anniversary Celebration.

Royalty Stone, where the customer is King

Royalty Stone, located at 56 Churchill Drive at the south end of Barrie, offers a local option for anyone considering granite, marble or quartz, for counter-tops, walls and fireplaces.

Customers can choose their materials from the in-stock selection of premium slabs or the digital online display. Then, says partner Danny Fazari, "We do everything, from template to fabrication to installation."

He'll come in to the home, to draw up templates for vanities and countertops, which his staff uses to custom-cut the slab selected - water-polishing the surface, and custom-finishing the edges.

"We keep a large stock, so customers don't have to go to Toronto," Fazari explains, with new stone coming in every two weeks.

The shop, located in an industrial building on Churchill Drive, not only includes the fabrication area, but a comfortable and attractive showroom, displaying the variety of materials available - and featuring a finished fireplace surround, created by Royalty Stone.

"Walk in here and feel like its home," Fazari invites. "We treat our customers the way we want to be treated. Our customers are #1."

His partner in the family-run business in Ashley Flamenco, who has ties to Bradford. In fact, at the Grand Opening on July 12, Flamenco organized a fundraiser for the SPCA (Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals) in memory of her "sister-in-law and best friend," Sonia Dehdezi - who tragically lost her life on County Rd. 88 in Bradford, in February 2012.

A BBQ, face-painting, and customer appreciation draws helped introduce the new business to customers - and raised $1000 for the SPCA, in Sonia's name.

Royalty Stone, RoyaltyStone.com can be reached at 1-855-734-2992.

Photo and story by Miriam King, Bradford Times

Royalty Stone team from left, Jodi Matthews, Danny Fazari, Ashley Flamenco, Barbie Horowicz and Peter Tekin, at the July 12 Grand Opening.

Focus on your business

New business? Old business? Celebrating a Grand Opening or Anniversary, or just reintroducing your business to the Community?

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For more information, contact Gary Assis, Multimedia Account Manager at The Bradford Times, 905-775-4471 ext. 222 or email ***gary.assis@sunmedia.ca*** to take advantage of the special deal.

A HERO comes to the aid of Bond Head church

St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church (Byzantine Rite) in Bond Head is struggling with its own heritage.

The church, founded by Anglican Rev. Featherstone Osler - father of Sir William Osler - was moved to its current site on Hearn St. in 1888, a brick church built on a rubble stone foundation.

Since being rededicated as a Catholic Church in 2009, Monsignor Conrad Dachuck and his parish have been faced with a litany of repairs. They have had to replace a floor, put on a new roof "because the old one was leaking terribly" and repair the plaster ceiling.

The bottom of the wooden front door, at the east side of the building, is rotting. "In winter, the wind blows through the door, and brings the snow," says Father Dachuck - creating snowdrifts in the Tower.

And now, the old rubble foundation is shifting.

The repairs all come with a befty pricetag, yet "it's all that we can do just to meet the utility bills," says Father Dachuck.

That's one reason why the parish is so enthusiastic about hosting community fundraisers, hoping to raise the money to maintain their historic church.

On June 21, St. Catherine's held a Community BBQ, with help from Hero Certified Burgers. For just $5, community members could enjoy a Certified Angus Burger, chips and a drink, while the kids played games on the grass - helping to raise the funds to repair the church.

Photo: Father Dachuck with daughters Tatyana, left and Tamara, at the HERO Certified Burger BBQ, June 21

community listings

MEETINGS

AL-ANON: Meets Wednesdays, 8 p.m. Holy Martyrs of Japan Church basement, 167 Essa St. in Bradford. For information, www.al-anon.alateen.org, wso@al-anon.org or call 1-888-4AL-ANON.

SPEAK FOR SUCCESS TOASTMASTERS: Toastmasters meet on the 2nd, 4th and 5th Tues. of each month upstairs at the new BWG Leisure Centre. 7-9 p.m. For information see www.speakforsuccess.org All welcome.

WEEKLY BINGO: Innisfil Lions Club host a weekly Bingo, Mondays. 5 p.m. doors open, 6:45 p.m. Bingo begins, at the Lions Hall on Innisfil Beach Rd., Alcona. Refreshments available. For info, call 705-436-1826.

HELP FOR IMMIGRANTS: Bradford Immigrant & Community Services (BICS) located at 11 Holland St. East offers English Language Classes for Newcomers to Canada, Settlement Assistance, Integration to the Canadian School System Program, Parenting Workshops, Translation and Interpretation services, Information and referral, advocacy and more. 905-775-3343 or see www.bradfordimmigrant.com

BWG COMMUNITY MEAL: BWG Community Initiatives hosts a hot meal at 5:30 p.m. every Friday evening, at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. in Bradford. All welcome - doors open at 5 p.m. Free.

ST. MICHAEL'S UKRAINIAN ORTHODOX CHURCH: 721 Simcoe Rd., Bradford. Fund- raising perogies and cabbage rolls sale every Sat. and Sun. 12 to 4 p.m. Info, call the church 905-551-1651.

WRITERS' CIRCLE: BWG Writers' Circle now meets 7-9 p.m. on the 3rd Tues. of the month, at the New Bradford Library, 425 Holland St. W. All Writers welcomed.

SUPPORT FOR DEPRESSION: Support group meets every Friday evening at Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. Support for Depression meets 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. year round, providing an opportunity for those experiencing depression or who have experienced depression to share coping strategies in safe, non-judgemental surroundings, assisted by empathetic facilitators. Organized by the Canadian Mental Health Association - completely anonymous. Enter the church through the Office Door, off Barrie St.

GRANDPARENTS, PARENTING AGAIN: Support group for grandparents with formal or informal custody of their grandchildren. Mondays at the Ontario Early Years Centre Bradford satellite, 118 Barrie St., 1 to 3 p.m. Childcare available; call the centre at 905-775-3039 ext. 229 on the Friday before.

CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP: Meets at CHATS (Community & Home Assistance To Seniors), 448 Holland St. West in Bradford,on the 1st and 3rd Thursday of the Month, at 10 a.m. An opportunity to get out, meet other caregivers, share stories and strategies, and find new ways to cope. Free, but register by calling Marc, 1-866-677-9048 ext. 6226 or email MTerrance@chats.on.ca

PLACES OF WORSHIP

Springdale Christian Reformed Church
1466 Sideroad #5, Bradford.
905-775-3731
Sundays 10:00 a.m., 5:00 p.m.
Sunday School & Nursery
Pastor Paul VanStralen
www.springdalecrc.net

Holy Trinity Lutheran Church
53 Miller Park Ave., Bradford
905-775-3412
Sunday Service:
10:00 a.m.

Newton Robinson United Church
Hwy. 27 & Conc. 10 Tecumseth.
Service 9:30 a.m.

Bond Head United Church
Hwy. 88 east of Hwy. 27
Service 11 a.m.
Sunday School Available
905-775-2512

Holy Martyrs of Japan Catholic Church
167 Essa St. Bradford 905-775-2065
Masses
Sat. 5:00 p.m., Sun. 8:30 a.m.,10 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 6:30 p.m.
Confessions
1/2 hour before Sunday mass.

Trinity Anglican Church
62 Church St., Bradford
(Corner of Church & James St.)
Sunday Service 10 am
905-775-2200
trinityanglicanchurchbradford.com

Bradford United Church
66 Barrie St.,
905-775-7266
Service -10 am
Sunday School Available
www.bradfordunited.com

St. John's Presbyterian
2940 - 10th Sideroad
(8th Line & Middletown SR)
905-775-7274
Sunday Service 10:00 a.m.
Sunday School and Nursery provided.
stjohnspresbyterian.ca

The Baha'i World Faith
905-551-2219
www.Baha'i.org

St. Catherine of Alexandria Catholic Church
(Byzantine Rite)
18 Hearn St. Bond Head, Sunday Eucharist:
9:30am (Ukrainian), 11:30am (English)
905-775-8282
info@stcatherineofalexandria.ca

Bradford Community Church
Mid-week small group
905-775-9268, located on the S.E. corner of Hwy #11 & Conc. #9
Thursday Worship, Starting June 5th 7:00 p.m.
Sunday Worship: 10:30 a.m.
Nursery - Birth to 3 yrs Children 4-12 yrs

St. Michael's Ukrainian Orthodox Church
721 Simcoe Rd, Bradford
Bilingual Services
Liturgy Sunday & Feast
Days 10:00 am
Priest 905-715-0105

Riverdrive Bible Chapel
905-836-1798
#20246 Bathurst (North of Hwy 11)
11:00 am - Family Bible Hour
1:00 pm Afternoon Service
7:30 pm Wed. - Prayer - Bible Study

Holland Marsh Christian Reformed Church
18935 Dufferin St., R.R. #2 Newmarket
Sundays 10:00 am & 6:00 pm
Sunday School & Nursery with service
Mid-week youth & adult programs
Rev. Richard Bodini
905-775-7291
E: hollandmarshcrc@rogers.com

THURS., AUG. 7

FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE AT THE LIBRARY: On the grassy field beside the BWG Public Library, 425 Holland St. West - Turbo (rated PG). Movie starts at dusk. Bring your own blanket, lawn chairs, bug spray and snacks. Sponsored by Summerlyn Dental.

FRI., AUG. 8

GREEN SCREENING IN SHARON: The Green Connection Network of York Region hosts a screening of "Unacceptable Levels" a documentary about the chemicals in our bodies, and how they got there. At Sharon Hope United Church, 18648 Leslie St. in Sharon. Doors open at 8 p.m. , film starts at 8:30 p.m. - followed by discussion. By donation - no reservations required.

ALLISTON POTATO FEST: August 8-10 in Alliston. Begins Friday night with the PotatoFest Parade at 7 p.m., Midway at the Fairgrounds, entertainment. Saturday includes a street festival with buskers on Alliston's main street, plus Midway and activities at the Fairgrounds; Sunday - Activities include a Baby Show. Admission to the Fairgrounds $5 per day, $3 Seniors, free for kids under 11.

SAT., AUG. 9

2014 CARIBBEAN & SOUTH ASIAN SHOWCASE EXHIBITION CRICKET: Free Exhibition cricket matches Aug. 9 and 10, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Sharon Hills Park, Colonel Wayling Blvd., Queensville EG. Bring a picnic lunch and a chair, to watch Redco vs. Seatown on Saturday, York Regional Police vs. Showcase All Stars on Sunday. Free, but please bring a non-perishable food donation to the Newmarket Food Pantry. Cricket Canada coaches will be on hand to explain the game.

TUES., AUG. 12

LESMAR ELDER CARE'S SPIRIT CARE WORKSHOP: Come and learn about optimal aging and taking care of life's challenges, at a free LesMar Elder Care workshop, 7 p.m. For details call 647-234-9351 or visit www.JourneyZend.ca For all ages. Free, but please RSVP.

SAT., AUG. 16

ANNUAL CORN ROAST AT THE LEFROY-BELLE EWART LEGION: Tickets $10 each for Peameal on a bun, and fresh corn on the cob, at the Lefroy-Belle Ewart Legion Hall. RSVP to Bev Pring, 705-456-0704.

GILFORD UNITED CHURCH STEAK BBQ DINNER: Tickets $17 for adults for steak, corn on the cob, baked potato, home-made pie for dessert; kids' Hamburger Dinner for only $6. At the door. Starting at 5 p.m..

TUES., AUG. 19

ALZHEIMER SUPPORT GROUP MEETS: At CHATS (Community and Home Support To Seniors), 448 Holland St. West at 10 a.m. For friends and family caring for a person with Alzheimer's or related dementias, to share information, challenges and coping strategies in a safe place. For info call 705-722-1066.

WEDS., AUG. 20

PROBUS CLUB II MEETS: Bradford's 2nd PROBUS Club, a social club for retired and semi-retired Professional and Business people, meets at St. John's Presbyterian Church, 8th Line and 10 Sideroad BWG, from 10 a.m. to noon. Guest Speaker Sally Shearman, on Sustainable Small-Scale Agriculture. Extended coffee break! New members welcomed. For info call Jill Sanderson, 705-290-0099 or Joanne MacLeod, 905-551-0942.

THURS., AUG. 21

FREE OUTDOOR MOVIE AT THE LIBRARY: On the grassy field beside the BWG Public Library, 425 Holland St. West - Rio 2 (rated PG), at dusk. Bring your own blanket, lawn chairs, bug spray and snacks.

SAT.,AUG. 23

VOLUNTEER DAY AT SCANLON CREEK: The Friends of Scanlon Creek are looking for volunteers to help maintain and improve the facilities at Scanlon Creek Conservation Area, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Projects will include a Butterfly Garden, clean-up of the Arboretum, construction of an accessible trail, preparation of trail markings for the new Run for the Trails event in September. Register by contacting Brian Kemp, b.kemp@LSRCA.on.ca or call 905-895-1281 ext. 289. Meet at the Nature Centre. Refreshments.

STEAK DINNER AT TRINITY ANGLICAN: Trinity Anglican Church, 62 Church St. in Bradford, hosts its Steak BBQ Dinner, 4:30 to 7 p.m. Enjoy steak, baked potato, corn on the cob, coleslaw, dessert, tea or coffee for $18. Kids' full hamburger dinner, for ages 10 and under, only $10. For tickets call Sheryl, 905-775-3134.

TREASURE SALE AT BRADFORD UNITED CHURCH: Bradford United Church, 66 Barrie St. hosts another Treasure Sale, 8 to 11 a.m. Make donated treasures your own, for a donation to the Church. Call 905-775-7268 for information.

EUCHRE PARTY AT BRADFORD UNITED CHURCH: From 1:30 to 3:30 p.m., Bradford United Church at 66 Barrie St. will be hosting a Euchre Party. For $10 per person, enjoy card games, prizes, refreshments. All welcome. Tickets available at the Church, 905-775-7268.

SUN., AUG. 24

NEW ROADS CLASSIC CAR SHOW FOR BIG BROTHERS BIG SISTERS: At New Roads Chev Cadillac Buick GMC in Newmarket, 18100 Yonge St., from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. - Classic cars, BBQ, Prizes, music, raising funds for Big Brothers Big Sisters of York. Admission is free for the Public; vehicle registration is $15.

Reminder: Pools closing

The BWG Leisure Centre's Lions Aquatics Centre will be closed from September 1 to 20 for regularly scheduled maintenance - reopening at noon on Saturday, Sept. 20. The Town will drain all 3 pools, clean the surfaces of the 3 tanks, check the structure of all surfaces, clean the deck, gallery and change rooms. There will be an inspection of pool mechanical systems.

For more, call the Centre, at 905-775-7529 or ***leisurecentre@townofbwg.com***

Sports

Bradford Minor Softball!

TBALL DIVISION

Bradford & District Minor Softball results for July 21-25. Note: T-Ball does not keep score.

Drive True vs. Bradford Dental. Drive True had another exciting day on the diamond; Tyce M. smashed the ball into centre field; Lucas S. had solid hitting and fielding; Coen H. was unstoppable at the plate.

Thinkbulb vs. Kidergy. Thinkbulb had 4 great hits from Ariane B., 3 hits from Nathan F., base hits and great hustle in the field from Ben L.

Investors Group vs. Back Alley Cruisers. Investors had a great hit into the outfield from Oliver, great base-running by Mikayla, solid effort by Benjamin. The Cruisers had awesome hits by Taylor and Grace, nice hits and solid outfielding by Rylie O. Great work from all!

Drive True vs. Thinkbulb. Drive True had super hitting from Vanessa D., great pitching from Fredrick D. and Lucas S. - each getting 3 outs, solid batting by Logan S., and great plays by Silvio R. Thinkbulb's Lexie L. made some unbelievable plays, Jayden Z. provided spark at bat and in the field, and Adam D. racked up a couple of hits, and terrorized the opposing pitchers.

Week of July 28-Aug. 1.

Kidergy vs. Drive True. Kidergy had great catching and fielding by Jack, great pitching and an out at home by James, and great hits from Gregory.

Thinkbulb vs. Investors Group. Players were sparse on both sides, but the teams put on a hard-fought game. Thinkbulb's Adam D. showed MVP form and played incredible defence; Lexie L. racked up 2 more hits.

Back Alley Cruisers vs. Bradford Dental. Back Alley's Sebastian did a great job hitting and awesome job stopping the ball; Charles had solid hits; Dylan had 2 triples.

ATOM DIVISION

Week of July 21-25.

Mr. Dairy - 11, VideoQuest - 7.

Home Hardware - 9, Ron Lock Mortgages - 9. Home Hardware's Antonino had great catching and a home run, and a Grand Slam! Awesome infield plays by Noah, Evan and Rilyn. Ron Lock's Alyssa N. continues to improve and impress with put-outs at 3rd; Owen L. went 3 for 3 with a double and 2 singles - and brought in the game-saving tying run.

Selectronic - 7, VideoQuest - 4.

Week of July 28-Aug. 1.

Ron Lock Mortgages - 9, VideoQuest - 5. Ron Lock's Tim K. had a massive 2RBI triple, and scored the winning run on a hit by Bryn C. VideoQuest had great help from call-ups Jack C. and Luca T.

Home Hardware - 10, Mr. Dairy - 0. Home Hardware had incredible hits from Brody, who had a double; a base hit by Rachel, and great fielding by Jacob, who had an out at 1st. Mr. Dairy had great plays from Christian P., but struggled at bat.

Ron Lock Mortgages - 10, Selectronic - 5. Ron Lock's Riley W. batted 1000, and cashed in the winning run; Owen L also batted 1000.

MITE DIVISION

Week of July 21-25.

A & W High Voltage Contracting - 15, Mount Albert Foodland - 15. A & W saw 30 combined walks. The team's Aiden Sterling scored 2 runs; Alex Stockley, Aidan Zloty and Alex Stam each hit a single and a double, and Mia Yaremko scored 3 runs.

State Farm - 11, No Frills - 10. A close game for these two teams, but fun. State Farm had a huge home run from James, great base stealing - and steals home by Colin, Brad and Kaden. No Frills had a great triple by Frank Anthony Caietta, home run from Dawson Flores-Noble, solid base hit by Devin MacGregor, and great teamwork in the infield, with special mention to backcatcher Darcy Mott.

Week of July 28-Aug. 1.

No Frills - 14, State Farm Insurance - 9. State Farm's Kyle had a huge home run, great catch at 3rd, and super pitching for his first time on the mound; great base-running and stealing by everyone including a steal home by Colin.

SQUIRT DIVISION

Week of July 21-25.

North Toronto Auction - 15, Roddie Saunders Century 21 - 9. Roddie Saunders C21 had a solid double and 2 walks from Nathan DiGiulio, who also scored twice. Paige McMinn walked and scored in the 1st, provided solid backcatching - and a solid hit in the 4th. Kaeleigh Gardiner had an RBI single and a walk in the 3rd, and scored twice.

North Toronto Auction - 15, If She Builds It - 10. If She Builds it had two strong innings from Nathan; Sarah reached base 3 times and scored twice; Joshua hit a triple.

Week of July 28-Aug. 1.

Roddie Saunders Century 21 - 14, If She Builds It - 14. Century 21's Nathan DiGiulio was 1 for 2 with a run scored and a sacrifice; Tyler Coombs went 2 for 3 with a massive 2RBI home run in the 4th; Paige McMinn had 2 singles, a walk and 3 runs scored in 3 at-bats; Jake Johnson had a walk and 2 runs scored - and a solid line drive hit in the 4th. If She Builds It had an amazing RBI base hit from Emily, who stole two bases to score; Nathan pitched a shutout inning in the 2nd; Stephen had a 2RBI triple.

North Toronto Auction - 16, Roddie Saunders Century 21 - 15. Jayden Creswell went 2 for 2, with 2 singles and a walk, scoring 3 times and

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Two Beckys represent Ontario in Beach Volleyball

"The Two Beckys" triumphed at the Ontario Volleyball Association's U14 Beach Volleyball Ontario Championships, August 2.

The pair - Becky Tresham of Bradford, and Becky Dorsey from Toronto, claimed the Gold, and are ranked #1 out of the 81 teams that competed. They will go on to represent the Province in the Nationals, to be played at Ashbridges Bay in Toronto, August 22-24.

Both Beckys are 13 years old - Tresham going into Grade 9 this fall, Dorsey into Grade 8. They have both been playing Beach Volleyball for about 2 years, but not with each other.

They started with different partners, and were in fact competitors in the OVA indoor volleyball league. Tresham played for the Storm Typhoon in Aurora, which has won back-to-back Provincial Championships for the past 2 years. Dorsey played for Leaside.

The Leaside squad would come to Aurora and play friendly scrimmages, practising for the Provincials - which is how the two Beckys met. Since they were both without a partner this year, for Beach Volleyball, they joined forces, practising together during May, receiving some coaching, and forming a strong partnership that led them to a successful season.

They won several Gold and Silver medals over the summer, in the OVA Beach Tournament Tour - capping the season with their Provincial win.

Submitted photo: Becky Dorsey and Becky Tresham, with Gold Medals.

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earning 2 RBIs for Roddie Saunders; Matthew Tomlinson hit a monster 2-run home run in the 2nd; Addison Chant earned 3 walks and scored twice - and assisted on a ground ball out to 2nd base.

If She Builds It - 15, Roddie Saunders Century 21 - 11. If She Builds It had a 2RBI double from Nathan, 2 shutout innings from Quinn, and an excellent double play by Elijah and Jonathan to end the game. Roddie Saunders' Matt Tremain was 2 for 2, with 2 doubles and a walk, scoring 3 times and earning 5 RBIs; Tucker Saunders had 3 singles and 2 RBIs; Jayden Creswell had 2 singles, a walk and 2 runs scored.

PEEWEE DIVISION

Week of July 21-25.

Ballawoods Centre - 11, Richmond Hill - 10. Ballawoods had great hitting from Darcy Verbakel and Connor Johnson; Liam Dixon pitched 2 strong innings.

Dissette Animal Hosp. - 1, Stouffville - 1.

Holland St. Veterinary - 14, Lovejoy Productions - 4.

Week of July 28-Aug. 1.

Ultimate Car & Truck - 12, Ballawoods - 11

Holland St. Vet - 14, EG Vince's Market - 4.

Richmond Hill - 19, Dissette Animal Hospital - 11.

BANTAM/MIDGET

Week of July 21-25.

Dental Start Academy - 19, Innisfil Signal and Stops - 5.

Be Well Chiropractic Clinic - 18, Tottenham Home Hardware - 11.

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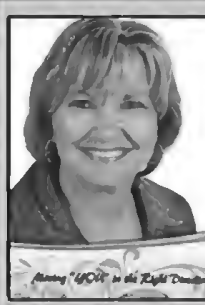

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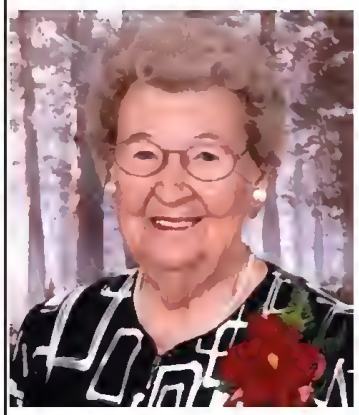

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Births

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Aunts Liz, Sarah & Angela, Uncles Brian, Dallas & Shane as well as Cousins Raiden, Talon and Nixon have lots of hockey sticks, balls and fishing gear to share.

Obituaries

NANOWSKI, John - Peacefully passed away at Southlake Regional Health Centre, Newmarket, on Sunday, August 3, 2014. John Nanowski of Bradford at 65 years of age. Beloved husband of Mikki (nee Matys). Loving father of John-Paul, Michael (Elisabeth), Joe, Annie and Katherine. Proud grandfather of Matthew. Dear brother of Erica (late Tom) Lenartowicz. Dear brother-in-law of Joe (Nancy) Matys, Stan (Diane) Matys and Helen (John) Dolinski. John will be fondly remembered by his many nieces and nephews. Special thanks to Dr. Anglin, Dr. Lingley, Dr. Nikon and nurses Adrianna, Vanessa and Lisa for their compassionate care of John. Friends called at **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, Bradford for visitation. Funeral Mass held at Holy Martyrs of Japan Church, 167 Essa St., Bradford on Thursday, August 7, 2014 at 10 a.m. Interment Holy Martyrs Cemetery, Bradford. In John's memory, donations may be made to Bradford Community Foundation or Stronach Regional Cancer Centre at Southlake Regional Health Centre.

Obituaries

TIMBERS, Alice Fay - Peacefully passed away, after a long illness at Peterborough Regional Health Centre on Wednesday, July 30, 2014. Alice Timbers (nee Whitaker) of Gilford at 75 years of age. Beloved wife of Paul. Loving mother of Roseann, Pamela (Richard) Weinberg, Paula Marson and Donald. Lovingly remembered by her grandchildren Melissa, Brittney, Tyler, Justin and Julia. Friends may call at **SKWARCHUK FUNERAL HOME**, 30 Simcoe Rd., Bradford for a memorial visitation on Saturday, August 9, 2014 from 2 p.m. until the time of a memorial service held in the Chapel at 3 p.m. In Alice's memory, donations may be made to the charity of your choice.

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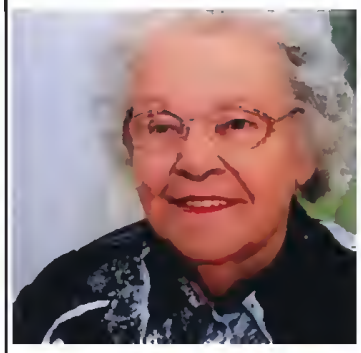

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Summer reading

On the road again!

Summer is associated with road trips - throwing the bags in the car, and heading off on the open road.

But if you really want to see the countryside, while avoiding the crowds and peak prices, try travelling at off-peak times.

That's the advice of Eric Whitehead, and it's based on experience. For 20 years, from 1984 to 2004, he took his family - wife Karen and sons Gavin and Adam - on an annual road trip, usually in October, to destinations across the U.S.

The boys were ages 6 and 3 when the adventures began. "At the time of their graduation from high school, they had been to all 48 States," Whitehead says, travelling by van for 2 to 3 weeks at a time.

At every location and along the way, they took photos and videos of their travels - material that Whitehead has now transformed into a new book, The Holiday Road. Each chapter is a different year, each year a different road trip.

Whitehead says that only once did they change their travel plans at the last minute, and make a spur-of-the-moment decision. It was a year that the family had planned to head down to Florida - but on the way down from their Gilford home, they learned that a Hurricane watch had been issued. After checking the weather maps, they decided to head for the only sunny area: Colorado.

It turned out to be a great decision, travelling across (to them) new territory. "It was great because we had never been to any of the States in between," Whitehead said. The only problem? They had packed for Florida. "It was a little cool at times."

Asked about the best road trip, he says, "Probably the year we went to the Southwest." Once through the flatlands of Kansas, it was a series of positive experiences, including horseback riding in the desert just after dawn, a trip to the Grand Canyon, visiting an Arizona movie studio where even First Aid providers were in costume, and coming back through Utah where "the canyons were spectacular. Not to belittle the Grand Canyon, but these were more spectacular."

It also helped that both boys were baseball fans; working in a baseball game or two "was always a common denominator for every trip."

There were no disasters - although, frequently after arriving at their reserved hotel, they would switch rooms or even hotels. "Usually when we did that, we ended up in a really great place!"

The experience has had an impact on his boys. Gavin, now 34, works for a company that provides travel packages for teens. "He's been to Australia, he's been to Europe several times. He's now in Costa Rica... He's officially in the travel industry."

The younger son, Adam, who suffered from car sickness on the road trips, is now married with children and also takes his family travelling - but by air.

The Holiday Road is Whitehead's 4th book, available on his website, ***www.thatroadtripbook.com*** for $25 plus shipping. He will also have a booth at Carrotfest, August 16, where he'll be selling and autographing copies - and chatting about hitting the open road.

"One thing is for certain, travelling gives children an education that cannot be equalled in any book, movie or classroom," he says.

Story and photo by Miriam King, Bradford Times

Gilford author Eric Whitehead, with his latest book.

Sharing the inspiration of My Mother's Secret

"Before the war, there were 6,000 Jews in Sokol, Poland. Only 30 survived the war, and half of those because of one Polish woman, Franciszka Halamajowa." - My Mother's Secret.

Franciszka and her daughter Helena saved the lives of 15 Jews during World War II, and hid one young German soldier; they are remembered as "Righteous Among the Nations" at the Holocaust museum in Jerusalem.

That was the story that inspired J.L. Witterick to write "My Mother's Secret" - a fictionalized, lyrical story of lives that became intertwined during the Nazi occupation of Poland.

Witterick, the final guest author in the Innisfil Public Library's Books & Bites series, described the impact that the story of Franciszka and Helena had on her.

"I had always wanted to do something that matters, that makes a difference - and I thought it was inspirational," she told the group at Bruno's Bakery in Alcona, July 26.

Witterick worked on the book for nearly a year, most of the writing done at her cottage on Lake Simcoe. She received encouragement and advice from friends and publishers, and initially self-published the book.

When My Mother's Secret became a best-seller, the rights were purchased by Penguin-Random House - and Witterick donated 100% of the advance she received to charities, including Street Cats in Barrie.

It's never been about the money for Witterick. "To write a story about doing good, and to be able to do good... it's a great feeling," she says. "I have schools that are using the book now, to teach History and English."

Her book has been translated into 9 languages, including Spanish, Italian, Dutch, and German - "which is meaningful because it's a holocaust story," she says. It will soon be published in Taiwan, in Chinese, something that is especially important to her because of her own roots.

Witterick handed out free copies of her book to the guests at Books & Bites, a Library program that combined an opportunity to meet local authors, with dessert at Innisfil restaurants - and personally autographed each copy.

At a time when war is once again disrupting lives and focussing attention on cruelty and suffering, My Mother's Secret shines a light on human courage and decency - and its success has inspired Witterick to take up writing full time. For information, see ***www.mymotherssecret.com***

J.L. Witterick, left, autographs a copy of her book, My Mother's Secret, at Bruno's Bakery in Alcona, Innisfil, July 26, during a Books & Bites presentation.

Summer @ the Library

Comic juggler Craig Douglass at the Bradford Public Library, on July 23 - in a hilarious all-ages show.

"Eureka!" That's the theme of the annual TD Summer Reading Club for young readers - a free program that rewards kids who read with stickers, activities, and prizes, wrapping up with Eureka Party on Aug. 15! For information, drop by the library, 425 Holland St. West, during Club Hours: 5- 8 p.m. on Mon., 10 a.m. - 8 p.m. on Tues., 10 a.m.-5:30 p.m. on Weds. and Sat.; 1-5:30 p.m. on Thurs. and Fri.

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Haunted tale, with local authors....

Join local authors Maria Da Silva (left) and Andrew Hind for a **Guided Tour of Bracebridge's haunted history.** The authors, of books that include Cottage Country Ghosts, and Secrets of Lake Simcoe, will be leading a 2-hour tour on Saturday, August 9, starting at 8 p.m. in front of the Inn at the Falls (1 Dominion St.).The tour finishes back at the Inn for light refreshments, and a look at one of Muskoka's most haunted buildings. Cost is only $20 per person; please pre-register with Andrew Hind at 416-882-6549 or ***maelstrom@sympatico.ca***

The Innisfil Public Library is bringing history to life aboard the RMS Segwun. Authors Andrew Hind and Maria da Silva present an interactive account of the Segwun's history, followed by a 2-hour tour on board the boat, on Saturday, September 13 from 1 to 4 p.m. in Gravenhurst. Tickets are $40 per person, available at any branch of the Innisfil Public Library, or online at ***www.innisfil.library.on.ca*** Purchase before August 13. Transportation to Gravenhurst-Muskoka Steamships, 185 Cherokee Lane, not included.

Raising the flag for Peace

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hung at half-staff, in Collier's honour, as the Bradford Legion's Colour Party, joined by a representative of the South Simcoe Police Service, World War II veteran Bert Hogg, and several veterans of U.N. Peacekeeping missions, marched on the colours.

Fern Taillefer, President of CAVUNP Central Ontario chapter, noted that the flag-raising was held "in honour of peacekeepers past, present, and yet to come."

Over 125,000 Canadians have participated in peace-keeping missions around the world, under the auspices of the United Nations; 116 have been killed, including 3 RCMP officers carrying out peace-keeping duties in Haiti when the earthquake hit in 2010.

And 158 Canadian soldiers were killed in Afghanistan, attempting to restore peace to a country torn by insurgent violence.

"I think that all of us won the lottery the day we were born Canadian citizens, or chose to become Canadian citizens," said Bradford West Gwillimbury Mayor Doug White.

He acknowledged that raising a flag in a small town seems "a pretty easy thing to do," compared to the difficulties faced by Canadians serving in United Nations missions, and he called on those attending to "honour Canadians who have given their lives in the service of peace."

MP for York Simcoe Peter Van Loan noted that peacekeeping is "a Canadian invention... that grew out of the Suez crisis of 1956." He credited the Hon. Lester B. Pearson with developing the model that has been used for decades to separate warring nations - but suggested that today, the formal model no longer works - that "conflicts are more difficult to manage."

Today, there is "asymmetrical warfare, very new kinds of warfare," that require a different response, as in Afghanistan - "not peacekeeping, but a peace-making mission... The sacrifice made by Brian (Collier) and 157 other Canadians has not been in vain."

He thanked the Collier family, who attended the flag-raising.

"They have found a way to channel the grief of the community, their own grief, into making this a better community.... At a time when the world is facing more conflicts, more active conflicts - this is a good time to focus on peace."

About 70 people attended, showing their support for Canada's Peacekeepers, and peace-makers, as the UN flag was raised.

Clockwise from above: Veteran Bert Hogg leads the Legion Colour Party, and a representative from South Simcoe Police, at the start of the Ceremony. Left, Veteran of UN Peacekeeping Mike Comeau (seated) and President of Central Ontario Chapter of CAVUNP Fern Taillefer introduce National Peacekeepers Day. Above, from left, CFB Borden Acting Commander Mike Thompson, Bert Hogg, MP Peter Van Loan, and MPP Julia Munro. Above right, veteran of UN Peacekeeping Fern Taillefer, Jim Collier, and Mayor Doug White on Brian Collier Way, Aug. 3.

Soldier On Dinner, at the Bradford Legion Hall

The Bradford Legion is hosting a Soldier On fundraising dinner, at the Legion Hall, 115 Back St. in Bradford, on Friday, September 5. The fundraiser begins with cocktails at 5 p.m., followed by Dinner. There will be Military vehicles for viewing. Tickets are $20, available at the Legion, and must be purchased in Advance; call 905-775-5025 for details. There will also be a Silent Auction, at the Canadian Tire Store parking lot, 430 Holland St. West, on Saturday, September 6, as part of "Kyle's Fundraiser for Soldier On."

Soldier On is a registered trust fund that provides Financial aid to ill or injured soldiers with the Canadian Armed Forces, serving or retired. Funding is provided to assist with a return to an active lifestyle, and can include equipment, fitness training, and the cost of travel, to participate in competition.

The Legion is here for Canada's Vets. There is support available for veterans and their spouses, whether at home, or in a nursing home or care facility. You don't have to be a Legion member to ask for assistance. Now, the definition of "Veteran" has been broadened to include RCMP officers or any Peace Officer on a special duty operation. Contact Veteran Services Officer Sean Griffin at 705-251-0208.

Friday Night Social Time - every Friday at 6 p.m. at the Bradford Legion, 115 Back St. in Bradford. Come out and enjoy a BBQ dinner for a nominal fee, then stay for music and fellowship. All welcome. No cover charge.

On August 9, the annual **Orville Hand Horseshoe Tournament** will be taking place at the Legion - everyone welcome! Registration begins at 10 a.m.

Euchre, on the 1st and 3rd Saturday of each month. Registration starts at 1 p.m., play starts at 1:30 p.m. All welcome. Next Euchre: August 16 (at the Branch during Carrotfest!)

The **Annual Walter Duncan Golf Tourney** takes place Saturday, September 6 at Big Cedar GC - with Registration at 8 a.m., Shot gun start at 9 a.m. Cost is $70 per person for golf, cart and dinner at the Legion Hall, prizes and draws. Please sign up at the Branch by August 23.